

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MASS, SO, UK  
SUBJECT: BRITISH POSTPONE ARMS TO SOMALIA

REF: LONDON 13240

1. PHILIP MANSFIELD, SUPERINTENDING UNDER SECRETARY FOR  
AFRICA IN FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, TOLD US THAT

HE HAD INFORMED SOMALIS EARLIER TODAY THAT UK COULD NOT  
RPT NOT SUPPLY ARMS TO SOMALIA UNTIL PRESENT ETHIOPIAN/  
SOMALIAN SITUATION SETTLED. THE SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE  
INQUIRED WHAT "SETTLED" MEANT IN THIS CONNECTION, BUT  
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MANSFIELD SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A SPECIFIC REPLY.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH HAVE THUS ADOPTED SAME STANCE ON  
SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOMALIA DURING HOSTILITIES WITH  
ETHIOPIA AS USG HAS DONE.

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